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# The Forty-Niner

Number Sixty

EDMONTON, ALBERTA

January, 1956

## EDITORIAL

This year, 1955, has seen the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of our Province of Alberta. Its celebration in its many forms has served to remind all of our citizens who were living in Alberta in 1905 of their relatives and friends of those early days—of life as it was lived then—of the unbelievable developments and improvements that have taken place—and has brought into review everything that has happened in the major part of a lifetime.

Fifty years ago our whole economy and our habits of thinking were rather insular; our "horizon" was at a distance of only a few miles—the distance we might ride a horse or drive a team, and the rest of Canada was far away, peopled by powerful politicians, speculators without conscience, aging relatives and greenhorn harvesters. Suddenly, in 1914 all that was changed overnight! Not only have the distances been shrunk by air travel and faster trains, but we of Alberta have discovered in a real and lasting way that the "blue-noses" the "Frenchmen", the "misers" and the "salmon-bellies" are brothers of ours, who would, and did, fight beside us and work with us, for a tradition that is Canada.

We have seen, and taken some part in, the making of the most thrilling half-century in this world's history.

Since the foregoing was written, the Annual General Meeting of the Association, reported elsewhere in this issue, has been held and action has been taken to "fire the editor", by electing him President, to succeed Lt. Col. Alan Macdonald. "We" are to see the present issue completed and in the mails and then hand over to "our" successor, Bert Hidson (same address—Box 643, Edmonton). "We" thank "our" many contributors and again express "our" regrets for "our" errors and incompetence, and plead with you to help Bert to help us to stick together. Please remember that he has to select and reject, with an eye to proper balance between "here" and "there", between War I and II, and between revenue and costs. Thanks for all your help; please keep it up; send him too much rather than too little, and do it early.

With this, "I" as President, drop the editorial "we" which "we" have had to use from the issue of July, 1952. I hope all goes well with the 49er Magazine.

## 49th BATTALION ASSOCIATION

(Loyal Edmonton Regiment)

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday, November 28, 1955. The President, Alan Macdonald, was in the chair.

It was decided that the 41st Annual Reunion Dinner will be held in the Macdonald Hotel on January 7, 1956.

There was some discussion of the financial difficulties incurred in publishing the Magazine and a committee will be appointed to make a study and report a possible solution.

Mr. J. W. H. Williams reported 17 funerals of former members of the Association, of which 16 were in Edmonton.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

Honorary President .....	John Michaels
President .....	Harry Balfour
1st Vice-President .....	Gordon Armstrong
2nd Vice-President .....	Andrew Black
Immediate Past-President .....	Alan Macdonald
Secretary .....	W. D. Smith
Treasurer .....	J. L. Madore
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Assist. Editors .....	H. R. Horne, F. E. J. Hancock
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Votes of thanks were extended to the following:

Montgomery Branch, Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., for use of the Memorial Hall in which to hold our meetings.

Kinnaird, Aylen and Co. for auditing the Association books.

Press and radio for free and obliging service.

R.C.M.P. and City Police for willingness to assist at all times.

Macdonald Hotel allowing a special concession to the Association.

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### SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS for year ending September 30, 1955

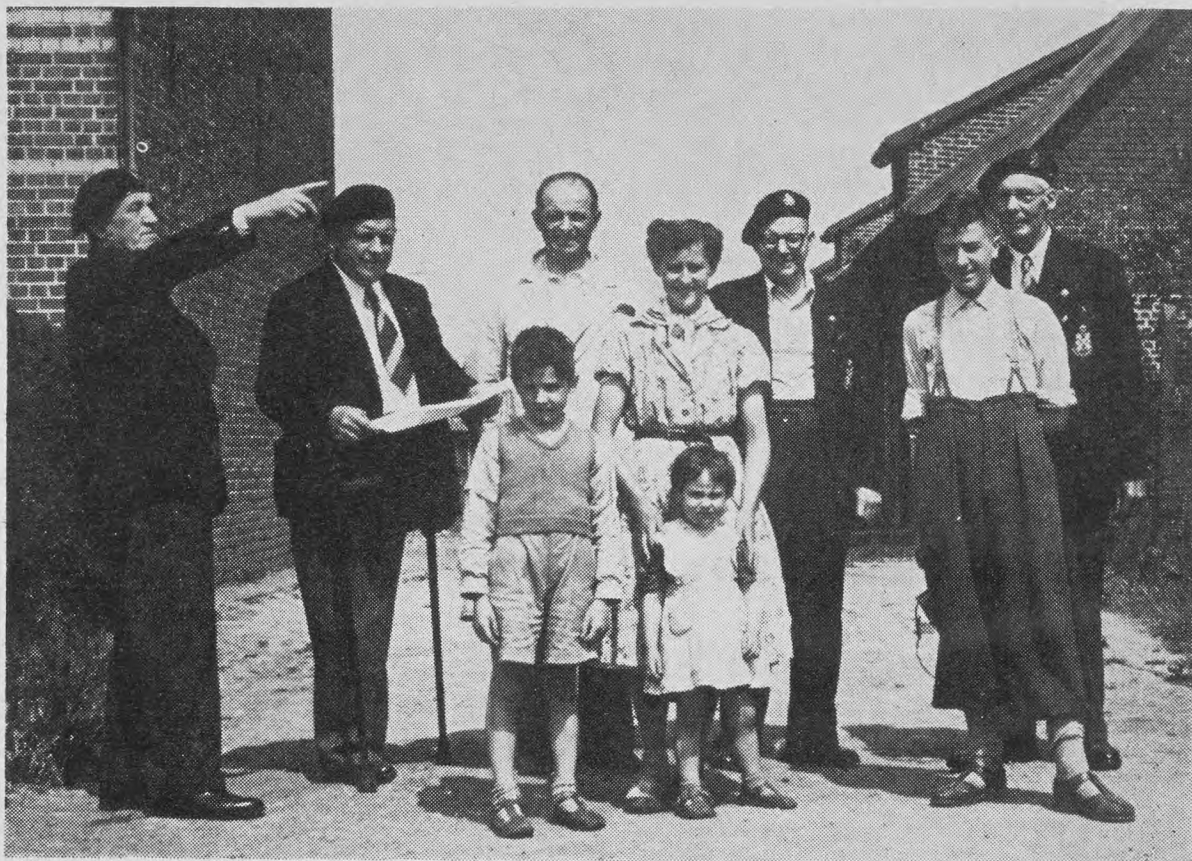
#### Receipts

Balance on Hand September 30, 1954:		
Bank of Nova Scotia .....	\$ 654.70	
Government of Canada Bonds .....	1,250.00	\$1,904.70
Receipts—Banquet .....	\$ 707.00	
Dance .....	167.00	
Picnic .....	380.40	
Forty-Niner .....	588.25	
Membership Dues .....	330.85	
Interest on Bonds .....	48.75	
Transfer of Canteen Fund .....	923.27	
Donation .....	3.00	
Cheque Uncashed (1954) .....	19.20	3,167.72
		<u>\$5,072.42</u>

#### Disbursements

Expenses—Banquet .....	\$1,024.40	
Dance .....	123.27	
Picnic .....	495.72	
Forty-Niner .....	790.34	
Printing and Postage .....	248.92	
Telephone and Telegrams .....	69.50	
Fidelity Bond .....	4.00	
Bank Charges .....	5.30	
Wreaths .....	76.50	
Picnic—1954 .....	288.60	
Duplicate Cheque (1954) .....	19.20	\$3,145.75
Balance on Hand September 30, 1955:		
Cash on Hand .....	\$ 22.15	
Bank of Nova Scotia .....	654.52	
Government of Canada Bonds .....	1,250.00	1,926.67
		<u>\$5,072.42</u>





**W. M. Bradfield**, 282 Kingston Road, Ewell, Surrey, may be found at D.V.A. in London, England. Each year he organizes the Battlefields Tour. The cut above shows him with members of his party and a Belgium family at Passchendaele.

Among other things he reports a C.E.F. reunion dinner in London on Armistice Day. Forty-Niners attending were J. E. Ackroyd, A. Mason, R. E. Wootton, Lt. K. Scott, C. Boxall, Lt. Col. Louis Scott, H. May, P. F. Young and himself.

## FLASHBACKS FROM THE FORTY-NINER

From a copy of "The Forty-niner", Vol. 1, No. 2, printed in U.K. in 1915. A welcome to a draft from the 51st, 150 O.R. with Lieutenants Raphael, Coles, Walter, Taylor and Guillion.

Promotions, to Captain: Lts. Jack Harstone, G. W. McLeod, G. Z. Pinder.

To Lieutenant: B. Johnson, W. R. Herbert, A. A. Murray, H. H. Griesbach, F. W. Scott, B. Johnson, W. E. Newton, C. G. P. Alliston.

Picture of Major A. K. Hobbins, "The Little Squeeze."

Married: Lt. H. S. Thieme to Gladys Griesbach (cousin of the Colonel); Arthur Finch to Ethel Able; W. Wiseman to Margaret Forbes; J. H. Waters to Emily Polkingham; C. A. Russell to Florrie Hattie Bond.

Picture of RSM Hobbs.

Report on Battalion Fund by Col. Griesbach, showing balance from Canada \$2,200, expenditures on meat scales, bugle band equipment, sewing machine, additional equipment for training, sports, stables, extra cooks, repairs to bicycle.

Colours of the Battalion deposited in Canterbury Cathedral by party comprising Col. Griesbach, Majors Hobbins, Palmer, Daniels and Harris, with P. McNaughton, D. D. McLeod, N. Walsh, Belcher, Clewes and Daly.

Attached to the Battalion: from two well-known Corps, Bedde-Bugges and LYCE (mottos "Morsitans mortuus sum" (I died biting) and "Ubique" (Everywhere).

Advertisers were merchants in Dover, Folkestone and Cheriton, and their wares included swagger-sticks, canes, riding breeches and puttees.

Picture of battalion football team: Dickie, Maj. Weaver, F. D. McSwinnny, B. Glibbery, J. C. Downton, A. A. Collins, H. Hind, J. Meciuk, W. D. McPherson, S. Whitehead, J. Gregory, R. Waring, J. Tweeddale, E. F. Ockenden, W. Davidson.

From Vol. 1, No. 6.

Pictures of Major Justus Wilson and Major L. C. Harris.

Decorations, with citations:

Victoria Cross—J. C. (Chipp) Kerr.

Distinguished Service Order: George McLeod, Jack Harstone.

Military Cross: S. J. Davies, M. L. Boyle, N. Walsh.

Distinguished Conduct Medal: R. Gwynne.

Military Medal: L. E. Rawlinson, A. E. Nash, P. Barron, A. V. Kidston, W. Hunter, R. V. Patterson, J. Lazier, J. Baillie, G. Souter, J. McIvor, P. M. Livingston, J. H. Parker, H. L. Holloway, J. Carmichael, C. Devaney, A. Moroz, S. A. Fraser, R. Bail.

Regimental Fund accounted for showing balance three hundred and three pounds and 'thruppence!

Magazine Committee: A. P. Chattell, G. D. Hunt, H. G. Nolan, J. G. Downton, P. G. Devaney and G. Brown.



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## VANCOUVER BRANCH

A. G. Rowland

"Remember the Time" . . . and so it went as our members held their annual Banquet in January with President Tommy Gibson in the chair; head table guests included General Clark, Col. H. S. Davies, Col. L. C. Harris, Col. A. H. Elliott, Ross Munro and C. J. Kerr, VC. A "New High" of ninety three comrades were present and much enjoyed the address given by Mr. Ross Munro, OBE, the well-known War Correspondent.

It was a real pleasure to meet the Editor and Mrs. Balfour in January during their stop-over en route to Honolulu and to obtain from them the latest news concerning our Edmonton friends. And that reminds us, Doc. and Mrs. Harris also took to the air last Spring and spent a few weeks in Hong Kong feasting on the aroma of orange blossoms and basking in the sunshine of tropical waters. Our good wishes go out to the members of Grandview Branch of the Legion upon the opening of their new Memorial Hall. One of the charter members of the Branch—formed only ten years ago—is our Fred Craig, an indefatigable worker for the returned soldiers. "And was it cold?", exclaimed Chipp Kerr when he reached shore after swimming two hundred yards across the chilly waters of Burrard Inlet last March when his Gillnetter ran on the rocks. Realizing the damage was more serious than he at first imagined, Chipp grabbed a lifebelt, kicked off his heavy fisherman's boots and abandoned ship. We are happy to report our VC winner suffered no ill effects from his sudden immersion. He was able eventually to refloat his boat and make the necessary repairs and has since continued his fishing operations. It will be of interest to the Troops to learn that Brigadier George Kitching, CBE, DSO, CD, has been appointed Area Commandant of British Columbia. The new Commander comes to the Province with a lengthy army background. After graduating from R.M.C. Sandhurst, he saw service in Singapore and India with the Gloucestershire Regiment, later transferring to the Canadian affiliate of the Gloucesters, the Royal Canadian Regiment, permanent Force Unit at Toronto. For a time he was in command of the Battalion in 1942 succeeding Lt. Col. E. B. Wilson.

A pleasant evening was spent when W. F. "Bill" English, accompanied by Mrs. English, entertained a few friends—including Doctor and Mrs. Harris and your scribe—on one of his periodical visits to the West Coast. We were glad to see our war-time colleague looking so youthful but he tells us old man age is creeping up on him and he will probably be retiring next year.

Bill Soars and his family motored up from Rivera, California, for a visit this summer, it was good to see them all looking so well. Bill now has a model family of two girls and two boys. Another welcome visitor was Harry and Mrs. Botel who called in on their return from a jaunt in southern California. Boo has now joined that august body of tired and retired workers and is looking for a place to pitch his tent. Try as we did, we were unable to induce our friends to remain in this Ever Green Playground and they continued to the Island where they are temporarily making their home at 232 Richmond Avenue, Victoria.

The Sands of Time mean nothing to that septuagenarian, Mrs. Fred Denson, of 7755 Birch Street, who flew—her first flight—down to Detroit to visit relatives for a few weeks. Fred was quite content to stay at home dividing his time between lawn bowling and watching television. Tommy Gibson took his family on a fishing holiday through the Okanagan with stop-overs at Kelowna and beautiful Lake Kalamalta. They report the weather was good and so was the fishing but they were disappointed in not getting a glimpse of Kelowna's Ogopogo.

Another welcome visitor this Spring was Johnny Snyder who dropped in from Edmonton after crossing the Atlantic





# **SOME OF THOSE ATTENDING THE CHRISTMAS BANQUET AT THE PACIFIC ATHLETIC CLUB IN VANCOUVER**

Those at head table, reading right to left: Col. Alan Elliott, Col. H. S. Davies, General J. A. Clark, J. Georglin, Col. L. C. Harris, Ross Munro, Tommy Gibson, Fred Craig, W. Wakefield, Col. C. Gough, Bill Ward, Chipp Kerr, D. A. Keebler.

by BOAC. Hadn't seen Johnny for many a long year; it was indeed a great pleasure to contact this old comrade of "Steady D". The Eddies have good reason to remember with gratitude the gracious hospitality both Johnny and his good wife dispensed to them around Farnborough during their long stay in England. Yet another "D" company man, Fred Pinnell, accompanied by Mrs. Pinnell, motored out for their annual sea bathing in English Bay.

Other Edmontonians enjoying the B.C. summer were Neville and Mrs. Jones who came out for a spot of fishing. Oldtimers will be interested to know that Harry Arnold has moved out to the great open spaces of Burnaby, 4630 Ayondale Street, where he will have better accommodation for his Aviaries. Harry keeps a large flock of prize-winning Budgies and invites enquiries from near and far. "I didn't recognize him," confessed Mrs. J. S. Craig when she arrived from Glasgow, Scotland, to visit her brother Fred Craig of 1805 East 8th Avenue, for the first time in forty years. Fred has had a busy summer showing his sister—seeing Canada for the first time—the beauties of British Columbia.

Came across that genial soul, Jack Bowling, the other day just in from Ladner, driving one of those stream-lined station wagons. Jack says this is none too large when he is called upon to drive the family—together with the grandchildren and the in-laws and the family dog—to a ballgame or a picnic. Les Blackhall's buddies will be interested to know that he has made another move, this time to new up-to-date premises at the junction of Main Street and 8th Avenue, where he invites his many old customers—also new ones—to drop in and sample his goods.

Of interest to our readers will be the news that Robert Freer Delmege is now living in Ridgetown, Ontario. Also, Pete Livingstone has left Sidney, Vancouver Island, and is presently making his home at 2231 Speer Street, Kelowna, that attractive little city on beautiful Okanagan Lake.

Another well-known Forty-niner, Jim Parker, is also living there, at 1034 Martin Avenue.

Our annual picnic was held in Stanley Park on a perfect summer's day in August with a record attendance, especially was it encouraging to see such a wonderful turnout of the "Eddies" with their young families.

News has just reached us that Tommy Gibson has been appointed District Representative of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and will shortly be moving, with his family, up the coast to Kitimat, the seat of the huge Alcan Development. Tommy has served two years as President and taken a keen and lively interest in our Association. We congratulate him on his well earned promotion and wish him the best of good luck and happy days in this thriving community. We shall miss him indeed.

At our annual meeting, the following were elected to office for 1955. Honorary President, Col. L. C. Harris; President, Tommy Gibson; Vice-President, A. H. Elliott and G. E. Howe; Sergeant at Arms, J. Bowling; Auditor, M. A. R. Howard; Secretary-Treasurer, A. G. Rowland; Executive, L. Blackhall, J. Bowling, L. Donovan, D. A. LaRiviere, D. A. Keebler, P. Muirhead and A. E. W. Roberts.

The following oldtimers have been spending some time in hospital, undergoing various repairs of one kind or another, but have now been discharged much improved in health. W. Dower, J. Hackett, Sam Hatley, K. G. Houghton, J. D. Lowden, John McKay, W. J. Nelson, D. Urquhart and C. Waterhouse. Percy Wells was a patient for some weeks last winter but is now home although still an out-patient. Godfrey Horley has also had another spell in Shaughnessy and he, too, is on the out-patient list. Jack Christie underwent a major operation a few months ago but has made a wonderful comeback and is presently recuperating at home. Jimmy Whitelegg is still confined to hospital but hoping soon to be discharged. Harry Bell, J. B. Keith and Alec Moir are fairly well and are more or less confined to their homes. George Gleave spent a couple of months in Shaughnessy early this year prior to being transferred to an Edmonton hospital for further treatment.

Just heard via the grapevine that Steve Henke, together with wife and the two boys, has moved up to that fast growing town of Whitehorse in the Yukon, where he is engaged in the automobile business—best of luck to you, Steve. A recent caller was Bob and Mrs. Mayes who motored up from Moose Jaw where Bob is City Treasurer. Yes, the years have dealt kindly with our one time buddy—it was a real pleasure to see them again.

And today a postcard arrived from Canterbury from Sid Rowden, who with Mrs. Rowden, is enjoying a wonderful holiday in Blighty—was just leaving for Brussels on a tour of inspection of the old landmarks of forty years ago. Age has at last caught up with Sid and he is now a man of leisure—may his retirement from active work bring him the fullest measure of joy and satisfaction.

H. R. (Duke) Ducommon, our 1948 President, has turned in his uniform and retired from the Vancouver Police Force and joined that great army of business men in the city—we wish him every success.

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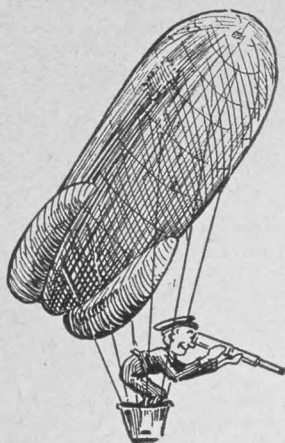
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## Where Is My Wandering Boy?

**Mr. Justice Brigadier "Ernie" Wilson** visited England during the summer. Among those whom he met were W. M. Bradfield, always a faithful contributor to this Magazine, Major Eric Whelan of the Calgary Highlanders and Mrs. Phil Adamson formerly telephone operator at C.M.H.Q.

**Harry (Bo) Botel (422989)** has retired and moved from Winnipeg to 232 Richmond Ave., Victoria. On the way he spent a happy time with I. W. Anderson in San Diego, Cal. He sees Bert Avery, many old friends at the banquet in Vancouver, and sends kindest regards to old friends in Edmonton.

**Reginald Garfield Dorway** is now at 530 S. 53rd St., Omaha, Nebraska, operating his paint factory. He recalls Alex. McDonald from War I. He is reported to go on every November 11 to the nearest bar and drink a toast to the "Best outfit ever". Can someone write to him?

**Nick Parent** writes from 237 Silver Road, Bangor, Maine, where he is a trainmaster on the B.A. Railroad. He remembers the late George Gleave and others including J. W. H. Williams, late Norman Cook, and inquires of T. W. Greenfield.

**J. A. Holroyd** writes from Waterton Lakes Park. After thirty years with Sterling Collieries he took over the Registration Office at the Park and enjoys meeting old friends on their way through, one of whom was Bert Cruickshanks who will be remembered by many Forty-Niners.

**Fred Middleton** former Transport Officer of the Regiment in Italy is now Principal of a school at Salmo, B.C. His address is Drawer 310, Salmo.

**R. E. Wootton (432260)** of 40 Calabria Road, Highbury, London N. 5, has written a newsy letter about the Battlefields Tour conducted by W. M. Bradfield. The party covered Ostend, Arras, Steenvoorde, Hazebrouck, Baillieul, Loere, Mont du Caat, Bruay, Mont St. Eloi, Bapaume, Courcellette, Poziers, Beaumont-Hamel, Ypres, Neuville St. Vaast, Vimy Ridge Memorial and all the estaminets en route.

Memories of Pete McNaughton, Frank Scott, Charlie Bain, Taffy Evans, Bob Jefferson, Billy Bond and many others of "B" Company.

The unanswered question in the minds of the old "B" Company is "Who stole Dick Hardisty's pig?"

**H. L. Holloway**, original 49er, later commissioned, stayed in England after War I, and is living somewhere in Lincolnshire.

**Robert Watt** lives on a farm near Two Hills where he has lived for fifty years. One daughter, Sara, is a nurse, married with two children. Another daughter, Patricia, is attending university and a son, Tom, is completing high school. His wife, formerly Maggie McPherson, recalls having the editor of this Magazine as one of her teachers.

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**Chester McGowan** and his wife are living at Hairy Hill where Chester is postmaster.

**Sgt. G. Carter** who served in the Boer War as well as in the "Big" war now farms at Grande Prairie.

**George (Tiny) English**, married, is farming near Two Hills.

**Joe Venne** lives north of Vegreville.

**Harry Zolmer** is manager of a lumber yard at Drayton Valley.

**Norris Bell** lives with his family at Drumgarrell, Ireland.

**Col. and Mrs. Phil Debney**, after his retirement from the Edmonton City Engineering Department, went on an extended tour which included England. One port of call was Weston-Super-Mare for a visit with Col. and Mrs. "Roly" Knight.

**John Shepherd** is at 20 Maple Road, Horfield, Bristol 7. He was married in England in 1918 and remained there where he has a son and daughter. The son, John, is in the R.A.F.

**Sam W. Hately** of Madeira Park, B.C., started his military service with the Highland Cadets in Montreal in 1898, served with Brabants Horse in the Boer War, homesteaded at Paddle River, Alberta, enlisted in the 66th Battalion in 1915 and was transferred to the 49th in 1916. One son, Sam, served with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. Another son, Tom, enlisted with the Eddies, transferred to the Strathcona Horse and was killed in action near Monte Cassino. The other son, Jim, was an air gunner in the R.C.A.F.

He wishes to be remembered to old friends and comrades.

**Robert S. Shields**, 53 Pine Street, Brockville, Ontario, was wounded at Passchendaele and hospitalized in England, and returned to his home town, Smith's Falls, Ontario. He lived at Carbon, Alberta, for five years where he served for some time as mayor. He will also be remembered for his term as secretary-treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce at Rockyford, followed by other public service at Lansdowne, Ontario, as chairman of the school board, and in other responsible positions. He has two daughters married in Ontario, and one in Edmonton. A son, Jock, is in the permanent force R.C.A.S.C. after service in Korea and Japan. One daughter served overseas in War II as a nursing sister. He has also six grand-children. He is now enjoying retirement at Ivy Lea, in the Thousand Islands, Ontario.

TO ALL 49ers . . .

## GREETINGS

from the

## CANADIAN LEGION

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**Wally Dawes (M15559)**, CSM, DCM of 51 Herbert Road, Plumstead, London S.E. 18, England, is working with the Electrical Department of the London County Council. He has a son of 14 attending school. He and his wife recently visited E. Jorgenson at Leatherhead.

**Brig. A. Hamilton Gault** is now living at Monte St. Hilaire, P.Q.

**W. P. Graham** has now retired from the Imperial Bank of Canada and plans to move to the coast at an early date. One son, John Willan, is Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Architecture at the University of Manitoba. His younger son, Robert Sydney, lives in North Vancouver. His address is c/o R. S. Graham, 3933 Lewister Road, North Vancouver.

**Jack Stafford** who came to the 49th by way of the 66th is now a patient at the Baker Memorial Sanatorium, Calgary.

**Frank R. Hasse** is living at 16821 Ash Road, R.R. 5, Victoria, B.C.

**R. P. Lewis**, 1340 Main Street, Trail, B.C. He tells of his friend Don Herman whom he sees frequently and would like to see other friends of the Loyal Eddies.

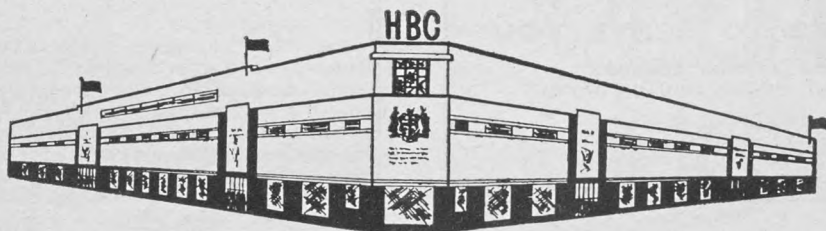
**J. Eldon Frith**, President of Frith's Hardware Limited, Front Street, Hamilton, Bermuda, has not been in Canada since many years ago. Was married in 1921 and has seven children. He hopes that 49ers visiting Bermuda will report to him.

**R. E. Wootton**, mentioned elsewhere, sends a very interesting letter confirming reports sent by Mr. Bradfield and others of the Battlefields Tour.

He states that the pipe band shown in a picture in the recent issue was not the Battalion pipe band, but that of "B" Company. He names Geordie Garden on the left, fifth from left Piper Baird, then Drummer Gavin, Jimmie Wood and believes that Piper Adamson is on the extreme right.



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### JIM CHORLEY RETIRES

For many years an auditor of disbursements with Alberta Provincial Audit, Jim Chorley was superannuated this year. He had also served for two years as a member of the Board administering the Education of Servicemen's Children's Act.

He also claims that the building behind them did not accommodate horses, but that No. 5 and No. 6 Platoons were installed there.

**Albert Fowlie** is at 151 East St. James Street, Vancouver, B.C.

**A. L. Bilton (435455)** reports from 7430 21A Street, S.E., Calgary. His son, Glenn Ronald, received his B.C. Degree at the University of Alberta this year.

**Adam (?) Mason (432527)** writes from 122 Whitstable Road, Faversham, Kent, that he hopes soon to return to Canada; his son and daughter live in Toronto. Our former padre, Capt. Ball, now a canon in Whitstable, asked him to write to us.

**Col. "Roly" Knight** and Mrs. Knight, now living in Weston-Super-Mare in Somerset, revisited Canada during August and September. Roly is bearing up wonderfully in spite of his usual diet of golf, some club memberships, driving a small car to all the beauty spots, and, we suppose, the famous "Zomerset Zider". He reports Col. and Mrs. Louis Scott thriving in Brighton (who wouldn't?) Roly is on the Advisory Council of C.V.A.U.K.-Canadian Veterans' Association, U.K. which maintains a Secretariat in the same building as D.V.A. in Pall Mall East, London. Canadian Veterans in London are asked to call there.

**Sgt. Arthur Hadgkiss (432896)**, "Miramar", Solent St., Sooke, B.C., now retired after many years as forest ranger from Ft. Assinaboine to Rocky Mountain House—comments on the difference now—80 foot lookout towers, 2-way radio, planes, trucks, cars and modern equipment. He writes, in part:

"I prefer to sit in my cozy chair on my lawn, and look out over the Straits of Juan de Fuca (which I have decided not to swim). I gaze on the snow-capped Olympics, their mighty peaks shrouded in mist, guarding Uncle Sam's shoreline. Fishing vessels pass in the setting sun, on their way to a quiet anchorage for the night . . ."

(Too bad we haven't space for more from this Post-Soldier from Brierley Hill.)



**Sam Campbell**, 3825 114th Avenue, Beverly—had the great misfortune to suffer the loss of his wife on June 1, 1955. He occasionally sees Albert Miller, now 90 and not able to be bothered as so many of us are, by horror-noises, screaming relatives, long speeches and tiresome bores. Sam adds his praises of the late S/M Smith who is missed by all who knew him.

**Dick Hoggins**, Box 473, Vegreville, was with the KOYLI during War I, relieved the 49th at the Canal Bank of Ypres, formed for years at Lavoy, later joined the Loyal Eddies, is now steward at Legion Branch 39 at Vegreville.

**James E. Linton (K69713)**. Enlisted November 2, 1942, age 21. Served in "B" Company and was wounded near the Gothic Line September 1944.

Discharged September 1, 1945, after two years and ten month's service.

Present occupation, millworker with Beaver Creek Sawmill at Williams Lake, B.C.

Married—with one daughter, age six years.

**Charles R. McFadden** lives at 397 Ferry Road, Winnipeg 12; he and Mrs. McFadden have just celebrated their 35th Wedding Anniversary. They have two sons and five grandchildren, appear to have no regrets over Mrs. McFadden having left Scotland soon after War I to be married near where they are living now.

All Loyal Eddies will feel sincere sympathy with **Ronald Plant (M16091)** of 1950 14 Ave., Campbell River, B.C., who recently lost his left leg in an accident; he was operator of a power shovel when a truck ran down hill and crashed into his machine. They have a daughter, Mrs. Robert Jenkins at Seba Beach and four smaller children at home.

**George Nicol** reports that a friend of his, while renovating his home at 11103 University Ave., found a First Reunion Dinner card behind one of the mouldings.

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**L. T. Frank Funnell (M16610)** of 1 Mazfields, Kinnerly near Oswestry, Shropshire is still driving locomotives for the War Department, loves to get this magazine and read of his many friends. They now have one grandchild, Allen Zimmerman, at Port Alberni, B.C. He piloted a moving van into the Peace River country in 1933, with all of the editor's possessions; it was the first move to that country made in this way, and at several points it brought out the little kids yelling "the circus is coming". (Anti-climax—it was only a new school inspector.)

**Kyle, S/Sgt. Kenneth Arthur, SM 16764**, has just returned from Japan and is now at Griesbach Barracks.

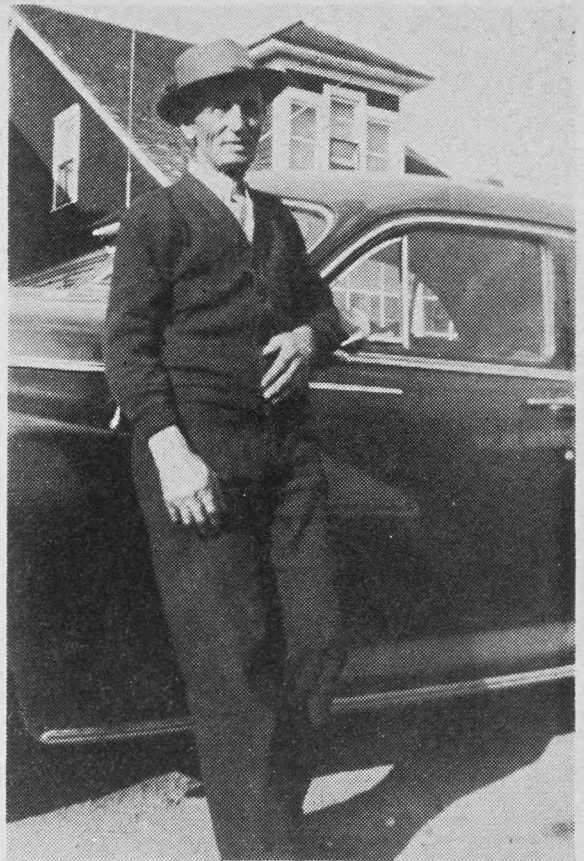
**Hidson, Sgt. Thomas Edward, SM 16636**, is home for Christmas after a long stretch in Germany. He returns to Toronto after the expiration of his leave.

**Parker, C. S.**, 11117 125th Street, father of Sgt. Gordon Alexander Parker, M 15503, has retired from the C.N.R., having completed over 35 years' service. He is a graduate from Sandhurst and was commissioned in the Royal Fusiliers at the early age of 19½.

**Brennen, L. C.**, 1006 Kennedy Avenue, N. Vancouver, states in a letter to Barney Morrison that he will be here with Bob Mayes to attend the 41st Annual Reunion Dinner in January.

**Snyder, Jack**, Aldershot, Eng., was again visiting the troops in Edmonton and district during the summer months.

**Black, Andy**, our new 2nd Vice-President, has completely recovered from two serious operations and is up and around again. Good luck Andy.



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**D. Irons** lives at 522 Eau Claire Avenue, Calgary.

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**Read, W.**, 34 Chaple Rd., Lithengate, Sussex, Eng., writes to wish all his friends in the 49th best wishes of the season. He sends love to his daughter Peg and all Sussex girls now living in Edmonton.

**Mullen, P. J.**, is living at 9745 100th Street, Edmonton.

**David Wyllie** writes from R.R. No. 3, Princeton, Ontario. He boasts of this three fine boys, but is not so happy over a serious traffic accident while he was on holidays. He was seriously injured and spent several months in hospital.

**G. Z. Pinder** gives his address as Box 37, Calgary.

**Ken Ross** has been reported as living at Mount Pleasant Farm, Tilford, Farnham, Surrey.

**P. Purvis** is now at Munster House, Flat 5, Godalming, Surrey.

**W. P. Graham** formerly of Portage La Prairie has new address, c/o R. O. Graham, 3933 Lewister Road, North Vancouver.

**Johnny Jorgensen** and **W. R. Davies, D.C.M.**, have called recently on W. M. Bradfield.



**David Hempstock, L.E.R.**, has taken a three-year contract with New Zealand Forestry Service, and sailed with wife and their three boys from Vancouver on October 6.

Forty-Niners living in England are advised that if a sufficient number are interested and will notify W. M. Bradfield, 282 Kingston Road, Ewell, Surrey, arrangements can be made for a reunion in London on football cup final night.

**Major D. A. Petrie** and his wife have moved to the Coast and are living at 4853 Cherry Tree Bend, R.R. No. 2 Royal Oak, Vancouver Island, B.C.

Many of the 49ers will remember our padre, **Captain Ball**, who is now a Canon of Canterbury Cathedral. He has recently met Miss Griesbach of Portdown Lodge, Cooden, Sussex, a cousin of Colonel "Billie", and now the headmistress of a large girls' school.

**A. B. "Sandy" Anderson**, formerly a lieutenant in "D" Company is in the insurance business in Sutton West, Ontario. He is still looking forward to a trip to Edmonton and hopes to renew acquaintanceship with Guy Patterson, Ray Milner and many other old 49ers.

**A. H. Stevens** writes from Climax, Saskatchewan. Roy McNaught is also living there. Mr. Stevens is now 75 and has keen recollections of many incidents and of such people as the late Deacon White.

**J. McNaughton** gives his address as Box 251, Westview, B.C.

### CITY SOLICITOR TO BE APPOINTED

Alan F. Macdonald, son of Alberta's first deputy attorney-general, will be recommended for the post of city solicitor to succeed Thomas E. Garside, Mayor Hawrelak said Friday.

Mr. Macdonald will be recommended for the city solicitor's post by the commissioners at the next meeting of city council, slated for January 9. Mr. Garside, who retires at the end of this year, will be retained by the city as a consultant, Mayor Hawrelak said.

Mr. Macdonald, 42, was born and educated in Edmonton, graduating from the University of Alberta with an arts degree in 1936 and a degree in law the following year. His father, J. K. Macdonald, came to Edmonton from Regina in 1905 to open the new province's attorney-general's department and to become its first deputy attorney-general.

He started with the city legal department in 1938 and left in December, 1939, to go overseas with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. While overseas he was awarded the OBE for his work as brigade major with the Second Infantry Brigade in Italy.

Returning to Canada in 1945 with the rank of major, he rejoined the city service in June, 1945. He now holds the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the army reserve.

Mr. Macdonald is a director of the Kiwanis Club and is a past president of the Montgomery branch of the Canadian Legion and the 49th Battalion Association. He is an officer on the Dominion Command of the Canadian Legion.

Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald have two children.



**C. Boxall**, who was present at a C.E.F. Reunion dinner in London, England, with W. M. Bradford.

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# Last Post



In ever living memory of the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 49th Battalion, The Loyal Edmonton Regiment, who were killed in action, or died of wounds received in Belgium and France during 1914 to 1918, also those in the Mediterranean area and Europe areas 1939-1945; and to those who have since passed on, mainly due to the ravages of war service.

**Gleave, Mrs. Lucy Ellen**, of 4688 Pictou Street, Vancouver, died January 17th, age 79. She is survived by two sons, George E., of Edmonton; Herbert of Vancouver; one daughter, Mrs. O. Smith, of Vancouver, and eight grandchildren.

**Jewson, Rosina Emma**, wife of Frederick William Jewson, of 1245 East Pender Street, Vancouver, died June 22nd, age 69.

She is survived by her husband, two sons, William and John, Vancouver; three daughters, Mrs. Ruby West, Vancouver; Mrs. Lilian Deaton and Mrs. Doris Westwood, Port Alice; five brothers and three sisters; thirteen grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

**McNair, Irvine Clifford**, of Sardis, B.C., died January 21st, age 72.

He is survived by his wife, two sisters, Mrs. A. W. Coulter, Chilliwack, and Mrs. J. C. Palmer, Vedder Crossing; one daughter, Mrs. Charles Hannaford, Sardis; one son, Jack, Salmon Arm, and two grandchildren.

**Ramshaw, William Hardcastle**, of 11304 66th Street, Edmonton, died February 5th, age 61.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Edward, and one daughter, Mrs. R. Rose, both of Edmonton; two sisters, Mrs. Rose Souter and Miss Edith Ramshaw, both of Vancouver; also three grandchildren and a brother in England.

Billy Ramshaw was born in Lincoln, England, and enlisted in January, 1915. After demobilization, he joined the Edmonton Post Office and at the time of his death, was Supervisor of Postal Terminal A, with a record of thirty-four year's service with the Department.

Billy will be affectionately remembered as one of the younger boys who served in old "D" Company.

**Whitelegg, Sarah Jane**, wife of James Arthur Whitelegg, of 1441 Herrace Avenue, North Vancouver, died May 1st, age 78.

She is survived by her husband, one daughter, Mrs. J. A. Smith; one son, J. A. Whitelegg; two grandchildren, one great grandchild.

Jimmy and Mrs. Whitelegg celebrated their Golden Wedding in February, 1950.

A. E. W. Roberts and A. G. Rowland represented the Association at the funeral.



**ALLAN HUGH ELLIOTT**

**Elliott, Allan Hugh** of 3289 Marine Drive, West Vancouver, who died July 5th, age 70. He is survived by his wife, one son, A. D. (Peter) of Edmonton, and two grandchildren.

The sudden passing of Allan Elliott was a great shock to his many friends both in Vancouver and in Edmonton. He was always deeply interested in the affairs of the Association, having been on the executive in Edmonton for many years and this year first vice-president of our little group in Vancouver. Allan started military life as a trooper in an Ulster cavalry unit and in World War I he joined the 51st battalion, transferring to our battalion for service in France, serving in "B" company where he attained his Majority. During the last war as a Lieutenant-Colonel he was Officer Commanding the District Depot in Edmonton and at times served as Acting Area Commandant. He retired from the army in 1944 after nearly forty years as a soldier, and from his career with Postal Customs in 1950.

Pallbearers at his funeral were: Doc Harris, Jack Bowling, H. S. Davies, E. Chamberlain, B. P. Meredith and R. Malloy.

C. W. A. Dawes, Tommy Gibson, Fred Pinnell, A. E. W. Roberts and A. G. Rowland represented the Association.

**Carman, Muriel Langley**, widow of J. F. C. "Dad" Carman, of 3701 Craigmillar Avenue, Victoria, died August 10, 1954, age 69.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Mary Wiles, three grandchildren and one brother, A. Langley of Oakland, California. Mrs. Carman was born in San Francisco to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thain and was a great granddaughter of Capt. John Thain, one of the pioneer sailing vessel Masters of Victoria. Her parents both died when she was quite young and she was brought up in Victoria by her aunt, Mrs. James Langley, whose name she assumed.

After her marriage to Mr. Carman, she lived ten years in Edmonton before returning to Victoria.

**Tipton, Major John William, M.C.**, of White Rock, B.C., died May 22nd, age 74.

Major Tipton is survived by his wife, one son, John H., of Victoria, and one brother, Thompson R., of California.

"Billy" lived in Edmonton for many years and enjoyed a large circle of friends and business associates.

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**Walls, Charles L.**—On November 2, at his home 2219 Russel St., Berkely, Cal., age 63. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Sylvia Foss; a son, James, and three grandchildren, as well as a sister and a brother in England.

"Tiny" as he was well known was a past commander of Berkely Post 113 of the Canadian Legion and a past commander of the United Veterans' Council. Since his retirement 10 years ago he had devoted a great deal of time and energy to the welfare of veterans, not only of his own 49th, but of other Canadian units. A picture in the Forty-niner of January, 1955, shows him being installed as State Treasurer of Western States Command, Canadian Legion, by the late George Gleave. He was a frequent contributor of personal items to this magazine.

**Horn, David**—Died in Calgary on November 6, aged 71. He is survived by a brother, J. M. Horn, in Winnipeg. He was an "original" of "B" Coy.

**Robinson, D. L. (542276)** at his home in Oliver, B.C., on November 2, 1951. Survived by his wife and a son, D. R. Robinson, who lives in Edmonton.

**Stewart, Hector**, 11404 94 Street, Edmonton, died November 24, 1954. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Clifford Hawkes of Edmonton, four sons, Duncan, Donald and Eric in Edmonton and Hector in Germany; two sisters, one brother and nine grandchildren.

**Olsen, Maynard Hartwick**, died January 21, 1955, survived by his wife, five sons and one daughter.

**Hay, Earle Oxford**, died January 26, 1955, survived by his wife, one son and one daughter. Earle was one of the earliest officials of the Association and served as its tireless Secretary for 25 years.

**Western, Harold**, died January 27, 1955, and was buried in Westlawn Memorial Park.

**Jordan, Walter**, died on April 15, 1955, survived by his wife, one daughter, his father, a brother and a sister.

**Parsons, Sidney**, former Mayor of Edmonton, and an Alderman for many years died on April 23, 1955. He is survived by his wife, three sons, four grandchildren, five sisters and four brothers.

**Gilchrist, Donald**, died April 27, 1955, at the age of 85. His wife, two sons and one daughter survive him, as well as two sisters, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Hamilton, Robert Banks**, died on May 6, 1955, survived by his wife, four sons and three daughters, fourteen grandchildren and one sister.

**Ledingham, James Alexander**, died May 10, 1955. He is survived by his wife, a daughter and a son in Edmonton, a brother in Toronto and other brothers and sisters in Scotland.

**Smith, William Robert**, died June 21, 1955. He is survived by his wife, one son, one daughter, nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

**Austin, John Alvin**, died on July 3, 1955, in Edmonton.

**Douglas, George William**, died July 17 in Edmonton. He is survived by two sisters in Scotland and a brother in South Africa.





**Gleave, George**, died in Edmonton on August 26, 1955, survived by his wife, two daughters, a sister and a brother. George had served as a member of the Edmonton Public School Board, City Council, and in many other positions of public responsibility, and had been very active in the Canadian Legion, reaching the office of vice-president of the Dominion Command.

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**Hardisty, W. D. Percy**, died at Millet on September 4, 1955, survived by one daughter. Percy was a well-known link with the past of Edmonton and district, his father having been a Hudson's Bay Factor of the Fort Edmonton trading post.

**Thompson, Ebenezer Douglas**, died November 5, 1955, survived by his wife, three sons, two daughters, nine grandchildren and two sisters.

**Bellinger, George**, at the age of 67 died suddenly on April 12, 1955, leaving his wife, a daughter Dorothy, and two grandsons living in Kingsville, Texas. Two brothers and a sister are in England. His widow lives at 719 Hoffman, Kingsville, Texas.

**Duguid, Frank**, for many years a druggist at High Prairie, passed away in April, 1955.

**Winter, Elmer L.**, died in Detroit on May 7, 1955. His death was reported by his widow, living at 15495 Westbrook, Detroit 23, Michigan.

**Zohrab, L. J. T.**, original Q.M. of "D" Company, died on June 18, 1955, at the age of 74. He is survived by his wife and a daughter, Mrs. Harry Moon.

**Arkless, O. Capt.**, died recently in England.

**Thomson, Sgt. E. D. (Spud) (432415)**, died November 5, 1955, in Edmonton. He will be remembered by many of "B" Coy of the 49th.

**Smith, Wm. Robert**, 8566 89th Street, Edmonton, died June 21, 1955, at the age of 81. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Phyllis Ellis and one son, Albert Edward, both of Edmonton.

**Carter, Robert**, 107 11th Avenue, N.W., Calgary, died April 13, 1955, survived by his wife, four daughters, three sons, fourteen grandchildren and one great grandchild. Mr. Carter had lived in Calgary for some forty-three years, retiring from active employment ten years ago. He had served in the Boer War as well as with the 49th Battalion in War I.

**Palmer, Margaret**, widow of the late Lt. Col. R. H. Palmer, D.S.O., died in Victoria, at the age of 76. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. G. Cave-Brown-Cave and a son, Charles, both of Victoria.

**Winter, Elmer L. (100205)**, died in Detroit, Michigan, on May 7, 1955, survived by his wife, two daughters and four grandchildren. Mr. Winter worked as a printer with the Edmonton Bulletin before War I, then enlisted in the 66th Battalion, transferred to the 49th, was wounded twice in France, and after the war worked at his trade in Windsor, Ontario, and in Detroit.

**Smith, Harry**, died in Edmonton on January 7, 1954, at the age of 69 after more than forty years as a well-known figure in Edmonton. He is survived by his wife, one son Robert H., two brothers Thomas in Vancouver, and Ernest in England, two sisters, Mrs. Ada Felce, Edmonton, and Mrs. Julia Taylor, in England. Harry was very well known for his work with veterans organizations and the Bissell United Church and was also known by those who spent holidays at Seba Beach. (Editor's Note—this notice is belated having become separated from other notices because of a special effort to obtain a picture for publication in the Magazine).

**Paul, Patrick**, of St. Paul, died September 20, 1954. No other information has been supplied.



# Holiday in Hawaii . . .

One 49er writes: My wife and I realized one life-long ambition by spending a few weeks in Honolulu last winter. We flew TCA to Vancouver and had a very interesting visit with A. G. Rowland who devotes a great deal of time and effort to keeping in touch with 49ers, and telling all of us about them through his most dependable contributions to this magazine.

Then CPA to Honolulu, about eleven hours aloft, 72 passengers and three stewardesses who were very busy every minute and made the trip exceedingly pleasant. They served us all a very fine dinner; the servings are put on board frozen, and the work in the galley consists mainly in thawing and serving them. They showed us how to put on the life jackets and inflate them with a little cylinder of compressed gas. The plane also carries several large life rafts, and one recent occasion when one of the planes of another airline had to "ditch" demonstrated the adequacy of equipment and arrangements.

Flew all day above the clouds, and finally saw one peak showing through, the volcano Mauna Loa on the island of Hawaii; then on to the island of Oahu which has Pearl Harbor, Pearl City, Honolulu City, Waikiki Beach with all its luxury hotels, and Diamond Head. The rest of this island is covered with some low mountain ranges, and extensive plantations of sugar cane and pineapple.

The first breath there, air soft, moist and warm, the beautiful palm trees waving gently, the huge flowers make one realize that he has never been in this part of Alberta in mid-winter before.

Each hotel seems to have a colony of bungalows around it, prices ranging over about the same scale as the better motels here on the mainland. Canadians everywhere, many retired, others just tired.

Loaf on the beach a good part of the day, watching the pineapple boats sailing in from the other islands, talking with others. (We settled all or most of our national and international problems.) Any surplus energy, if such exists, can be worked off by renting a surf-board, swimming out some distance and riding the surf in to shore. Rides can be had on a catamaran with gaudy sail, or a glass-bottomed motorboat, air trips to the other islands, or a great variety of bus tours to other parts of the island, pineapple cannery, eastern temples and shrines, Pearl City (Only U.S. citizens can see Pearl Harbor). City is well supplied with restaurants and hotel dining rooms of the \$5.00 and up variety, but also with lower-priced places; and they are all good. Generally food and accommodation can be obtained at about the same price and qualities as here on the mainland at either holiday or regular hang-outs; of course, it cannot be denied that some extra money is a fine thing to have along.

Entertainment—Hawaiian string orchestras give open-air programs every evening on the lanai (open-air dining room and cafe around the swimming pool); the Royal Hawaiian Band gives an open-air concert in the park every Sunday afternoon; the Kodak show once a week on the beach brings music, hula dances, and a wonderful chance for all amateur photographers to get all the pictures they will need to impress the people back home.

The people providing the services in hotels and shops are about the kindest, most helpful and the pleasantest that can be found anywhere; in fact, the tourist industry is one of the most important in the economy of the islands, and this fact is recognized by the schools, all of which teach preparation and serving of food and refreshments, native music, hula dancing, shop assistance and many other forms of direct preparation for the occupations of life after school.

Of the Eastern religions, the Buddhist deserves consideration. To become a great Buddhist, apparently one needs particularly to learn to sit and meditate—exactly the same type of inactivity that would bring the crash of a rolling-pin and screams of "you lazy bum" here. It deserves a second look!

The songs as well as the dances are a continual tribute to the beauty of everything in Nature. The girls tell a story with their arms, even if as our wives say, they wiggle out of it at the same time. That black hair, the dusky skins, beautiful arms and hands and unbelievably graceful swaying of the hips—all spell a type of loveliness that has to be seen to be believed.

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The past year has been a busy one for the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (3 P.P.C.L.I.), with training and courses being completed before the Regiment went to summer camp at Sarcee in the early part of July.

Spring 1955, saw concentrated wireless training within the regiment culminating in a two-day wireless exercise held in the Prince of Wales Armouries, Edmonton. This was quite successful considering that many of the people taking part had not operated sets before.

The Regimental rifle team had another successful year in the Edmonton Garrison Rifle League, finishing in first place. The team this year consisted of Capt. W. McSween, Capt. W. Oakey, RSM Mucklestone, CSM Cheshire, Sgts. Trudel, Westacott and Edgar and Cpl. Gribble.

During the year the regiment lost the services of Sgt. Lou Langell who was posted from the I and A staff to Prairie Command. Sgt. Langell had been attached to the regiment since 1947 and had performed invaluable service under several commanding officers, he was also a tower of strength in various softball teams run by the unit.

On April 12, Brigadier F. T. Jenner inspected the first of two recruit courses conducted by the unit for 23 Militia Group. These courses lasted six weeks and covered basic recruit training in drill, small arms and Military Law. The instructional staff were Major Keith Wakefield and Major Ed. Pritchard, Capt. Elwood Mason and Capt. Allan Covey, the latter being attached from 96 Medium Regiment RCA(M) for these courses.

The Regimental Band was inspected by Major Scott, Chief Inspector of Music, Ottawa, who expressed himself well satisfied with the Band's appearance and music.

The band has taken several men on strength recently and now has more than 40 members parading regularly.

The Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. R. A. Bradburn and Officers entertain at a V.E. Day Ball held in the Garrison Officers Club on May 6th, 1955. Amongst those attending were several officers and their wives from the 1st PPCLI, who came up from Calgary for the occasion.

WO 1 Fred Purkis joined the unit in the early summer and was appointed RSM shortly after his enlistment. He served in the PPCLI for a number of years and has proved to be invaluable to the Regiment not only on the Square but also instructing both senior and junior NCO classes. Another welcome addition from the PPCLI was Sgt. Lloyd Monson who came to us shortly after his discharge from the regulars. He is now a WO 2 and served as RSM for the duration of the annual summer camp in RSM Purkis's absence. In civil life CSM Monson is a sergeant in the Edmonton Traffic Squad, we imagine the change in jobs was not hard to take!

On June 5th, the Regiment, together with other units in 23 Militia Group, were inspected by Major General Chris Vokes, General Officer Commanding Western Command. This parade was by far the largest held in Edmonton since the second world war insofar as Militia units were concerned and over 180 members of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment took part, together with the Band which played for the march-past afterwards. For this parade troops were brought in from all out-of-town points, those from Dawson

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Creek and Grande Prairie being flown in by aircraft of the RCAF. The Regimental Cadet Corps paraded with the Battalion and impressed everyone with their smart appearance and drill.

From July 9th to the 16th, the Regiment was in Camp Sarcee for the annual Infantry Militia Camp. Together with troops from the Canadian Scottish, The Seaforth Highlanders, The Calgary Highlanders, The Westminster Regiment and the Rocky Mountain Rangers, the battalion took part in a two-day exercise to practise attack, counter attack and withdrawal.

This culminated several days of training in the field, brushing-up the lessons that the troops had been taking during the previous winter. The unit was blessed with another fine week of Sarcee weather, the second year in a row, and although several of the boys had bad cases of sunburn everyone agreed that the time had been well spent. The regiment was teamed with the Calgary Highlanders in a defensive role for the major part of the two-day exercise but managed to launch a very successful counter-attack on the last morning of the scheme, so successful indeed that the Seaforths were still clearing remnants of the defending Calgary Highlanders when the Edmonton's arrived on the scene, much to the discomfort and embarrassment of the Coast Troops. "Bob" Bradburn lost no opportunity of rubbing this episode in when he next saw the Seaforth C.O.

Fall and winter training parades are now in full swing and with a larger strength than for several years, it is anticipated that this will be one of our best years ever. One of the first duties of the Battalion this Fall was to provide a Guard of Honour for the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent, when he visited Edmonton in connection with the Alberta Golden Jubilee celebrations. This took place in September.

It will be seen from the foregoing that the Loyal Edmonton Regiment is keeping very busy. In times when recruiting is not easy, the Regiment is more than holding its own. Under Bob Bradburn's energetic leadership is it too much to hope that strengths may once again rise to the pre-war level? With the loyal support of present and past "49-ers" this objective can be met.

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The outstanding event of the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of the Province of Alberta was the unveiling of a monument at the Legislative Building in Edmonton. The building of the monument and all arrangements were most capably handled by the Alberta Historical Society; the Prime Minister of Canada, Right Honourable Louis St. Laurent attended for the event and unveiled the monument, with a most appropriate address. Vernon Barford repeated his success of the Day fifty years earlier by conducting the massed chorus which he had trained for the occasion; other notable addresses were given by Premier Manning, Dr. Morden Long, for many years Professor of History at the University of Alberta, now retired, president of the Historical Society of Alberta, and Colonel Fred C. Jamieson, who had served in the Boer War, was present at the ceremonies of fifty years ago, was still to give years of military service in the 19th Alberta Dragoons, World War I and World War II, and is at this date a barrister in Edmonton.



COL. JAMIESON

### Col. Jamieson's Address

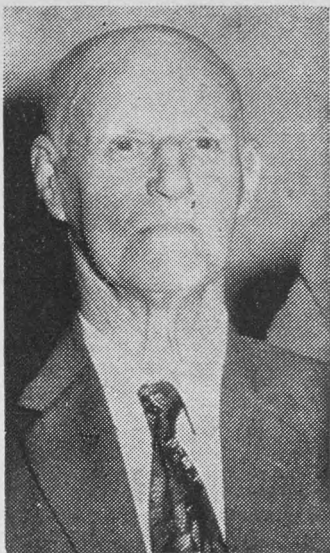
Col. Jamieson was requested to permit us to publish the address which he delivered at the Jubilee Celebration:

Alberta became a Province at a time when our people were confident and enthusiastic about our future.

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We had passed bravely through the long period of widespread depression and hard times of the nineties, which was accompanied on the prairies by a succession of extremely dry years. The surface of the land had become parched and cracked. Then in August of '99, began the remarkable wet interlude which started here when the river rose 33 feet in 33 hours.





FRANK A. WALKER



JACK LOWRY

Among the visitors to the Golden Jubilee celebration of the establishment of Alberta as a Province were two former MLA's shown above who came from Vancouver—Frank A. Walker and J. R. Lowry. Both went overseas with the 151st; Mr. Lowry had worked in Edmonton and homesteaded near Kitscoty before War I.

The great rains and deep snows continued until 1903. The ground became full of water. Small water courses were wide streams and low spots and sloughs were broad lakes.

The rains brought normal crop conditions, and new settlers came to the prairies by thousands and thousands. The Great Plains of Rupert's Land, including Captain Palliser's Triangle, were rapidly becoming a vast pattern of homesteads. Calgary, Edmonton and the other chief towns were beginning to boom.

When the Alberta Act was finally passed at Ottawa, and we knew that Edmonton had been named as provisional capital, Edmonton people had less than a month to prepare for a fitting celebration of the great event.

The Mayor's committee was headed by Mayor Kenneth McKenzie, and included the Aldermen, Messrs. Bellamy, Clark, Fraser, Boyle, Griesbach, May, McLeod and Picard. The Commissioners were Jock Kinnaird and J. H. Hargreaves. Members of the Board of Trade joined heartily in the preparation. The people of Strathcona gave full support. Committee headquarters were opened in Alberta College.

Jo Morris, our number one booster, was named Chairman of the races and games committee. Then we were delighted to learn that the main body of the North West Mounted Police would be here for the celebration.

What would our visitors expect and what could we offer?

Our Alberta people lived in the horse age. Visitors had to come here by the one railway, or by wagon or buggy, or on horseback. No motor cars, no airplanes.

For farm power—and for sport—we used our horses. Every local sports day included horse races. Old timers will remember trotters and pacers like Blackthorn, Bay Nelson, Sidney B., Membrino's Gift, Clatawa, and Olly M, and runners like Tranby Croft, Cluster, O'Day, and Buckingham; and quarter horses like Bunty Hen and Shoe String. Jockey Club registrations were unknown. Of course horse races had to be on the program.

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At Alix, large groups of mounted men and women turned out for coyote hunts.

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In the older ranching districts, such as Pincher Creek, Macleod, High River, Calgary, Cochrane and Alix, polo had been played for years—and here in Edmonton for three years. Of course, a polo tournament was planned.

Baseball, Association football, jumps and foot races were seen at every picnic, 24th of May or Dominion Day celebration. Lacrosse had been started in 1900 by Charles W. Cross, our first Attorney General. Other towns took up the game. Edmonton and Strathcona played against each other furiously. Of course, a full program of games, track and field events had to be planned.

The first event of the celebration was the Grand Concert on the evening before the Inauguration, in the large Thistle Rink which was elaborately decorated. Hearty cheers greeted the arrival of the Governor General, the Prime Minister, and the large party of notables who had come here, including Hon. William Patterson, Sir Gilbert Parker, Sir William McKenzie of the Canadian Northern Railway, Sir Edmund Walker of the Canadian Bank of Commerce and many others. The rink was jammed to the doors. There was a large orchestra and a large chorus. The whole concert was supervised and conducted, as the Bulletin reported, by Vernon Barford, who was accorded high praise for the success of the event.

There were three distinguished Alberta soloists, Madame O'Sullivan of Calgary, Ethel Webster and Howard Stutchbury of Edmonton.

The weather on the Great day was perfect. The first event was the street parade. It formed at the old Columbia Hotel, and moved up and down Jasper Avenue, then down the McDougall Hill to the Exhibition Grounds on the Donald Ross Flats.

In the street parade there were the Mayor and Aldermen, all in their high hats and Prince Albert coats, the Old Timers' Association, St. Jean Baptiste Society, the Boer War Veterans, two thousand school children who shouted and sang, the Edmonton, Strathcona and St. Albert bands, the 15th Light Horse Band from Calgary under Captain Bagley. The Fort Saskatchewan Squadron of the Nineteenth Alberta Dragoons then being organized—they had not yet received their uniforms but had been well drilled by Inspector Shaw and rode good horses. There were also floats of local mills and breweries. Then there were large contingents of Crees and Stoneys from the Reserves, south and west of Edmonton.

In lacrosse, the old rivals Edmonton and Strathcona combined under the name "Iroquois" to defeat Calgary.

The polo tournament lasted two days. The Calgary team was Colonel Wooley-Dodd, Sir Addison Hone, Joe Hone, and Vance Gravely. The Cochrane team was A. Kerfoot, Major Landale, W. Houghton and Lord Edward Seymour. The Alix team was Walter Parlbay, W. Trevenan, Louis Mott and Charles Jamieson. The Edmonton team was Dr. Clendenan, W. Tomlinson, Ernie Ferris and myself Frederick Jamieson. Calgary won the polo tournament.

The inspection and review of the North West Mounted Police Regiment and 4-gun battery commenced at eleven o'clock. The three squadrons were on parade in line with the battery on the left. A large percentage of the officers and other ranks had served in the Mounted Police Regiment which went to the Boer War under the name of the Canadian Mounted Rifles.

The parade was commanded by Commissioner Perry. The first squadron was led by Superintendent Primrose, later Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta. The adjutant who had drilled and prepared the regiment was Inspector Church, an old Life Guardsman.



After the inspection of the regiment and battery the police walked, trotted, and galloped past, ranked past by sections and in single file, on their beautiful horses, and finally reformed in line and galloped forward in Review order—all carried out with remarkable precision. The police were in line close to the platform while the Inaugural Ceremony was carried out, but the battery galloped up here to the high ground to fire a Royal salute.

At a quarter to twelve Mayor McKenzie and the visiting notables, including Father Lacombe, went up on the platform. The mayor presented an address to the Governor General, who replied in a graceful speech. The Commission appointing the new Lieutenant-Governor was read by Inspector Knight. Then promptly at high noon, to the accompaniment of gun fire from this hill and in the presence of twelve thousand Alberta people, the oath was read to George Bulyea. He kissed the Bible—and Alberta had become a Province.

An address to the new Governor was then read. In the course of his reply he stated that he was calling on Alexander Cameron Rutherford to become the first Premier.

Then Sir Wilfred Laurier, delivered a most appropriate, eloquent and inspiring address.

Then the Assembly dispersed and the platform was taken down to clear the track, for the horse races and the athletic competitions. The famous Cree runner Moosewa was the star of the foot races.

Dancing on the open platforms in the groves near the grandstand was kept up all day. Indians danced in the Exhibition grounds and on Jasper Avenue.

The well-remembered Grand Ball was held in the evening. Elaborate arrangements had been made by a committee headed by Mowatt Biggar; our distinguished visitors all attended. The Ball was the most brilliant function of that kind we had seen in Edmonton. The "Honour Set" of lancers included Earl and Countess Grey, Sir Wilfred and Lady Laurier.

On the second day, the Mounted Police presented a Musical Ride and the distinguished visitors were photographed with them.

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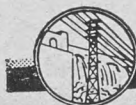
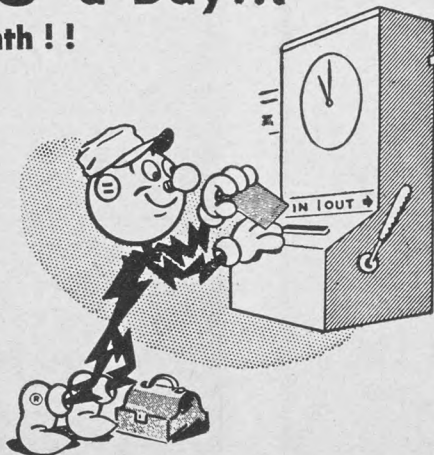
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**Soars**—To Mr. and Mrs. W. M. R. Soars of 9637 Poinciana Street, Rivera, California, on June 26th, 1954, a son, William Joseph. A little brother for John, Elizabeth and Maureen.

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## History of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment

ALAN F. MACDONALD

(Continued from Last Issue)

By mid-September all ranks took the almost nightly air raids for granted and they interfered little, if at all, with training or local recreation. It was noticeable that AA fire was heavier by far and that the German aircraft were being met by increasingly large formations of Spitfire and Hurricane Fighters. The bombs that fell in the Brigade area were numerous but had a happy faculty for plunging into inoffensive farm fields where they soon became another map-referenced dot on the Brigade Intelligence Officers' Bomb Chart. The busy, groping fingers of the London defense searchlights, the angry steady roar of the Anti-aircraft guns and the masses of barrage balloons tugging on their long cables, all provided answers to why so many Luftwaffe pilots found it discreet to dump their high-explosive cargoes some 40 miles short of their London target in the quiet Surrey fields where we were training. It is a remarkable fact that the unit suffered no air bombardment casualties in this period though we had our share of scares and near misses. For example, Lt. Don Sims was Battalion duty officer one night and so slept beside the telephone at BN HQ. When he walked back next morning into the country cottage that was his billet he found a bomb had shattered the roof of the house and the bed where he would otherwise have been sleeping was crushed and littered with fallen plaster and debris. To our Division the motor cycles with their very much dimmed headlights combined with the winding roads of the British country side were much more effective casualty-creators than the Germans. The British traitor Joyce, broadcasting from Germany as 'Lord Haw Haw' made reference on the airwaves to the numerous Canadian despatch rider crashes that marked this training period. Those despatch riders who herded our dim lit convoys along the winding tree shrouded roads of England were on the toughest job our infantry then had.

Early in October, 1940, we lost the services of our padre, Hon./Capt. M. C. O'Neill, via the promotion route. He was a man who had won the respect and friendship of all ranks. "Father Mike" as he was generally known had joined us as we left Edmonton in December, 1939. He held the Military Medal won as a buck private in the first war before he took Holy Orders. Though "Father Mike" as a Roman Catholic Chaplain served with a unit that was predominantly Protestant this fact in no way reduced his influence or his usefulness to us. He went on to become the senior R.C. Chaplain with the Canadian Army in Britain; but like most

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others who left the Regimental family he came back often to visit.

On October 17, 1940, at a Regimental Mess Dinner held in the Hoskins Arms Hotel in Oxted, Major General G. R. Pearkes, VC, DSO, MC, announced the very welcome news that our Commanding Officer was now Lt. Col. E. B. Wilson. E. B. "Ernie" Wilson had risen from the ranks through the thankless militia days and while a busy lawyer in the 1930's had commanded a rifle company of The Edmonton Regt. and was second in Command from mobilization. He brought to the task of command very great abilities and an unequalled knowledge of the capabilities of all ranks of the Regiment.

Intensive and realistic training continued through October with the unit now in winter billets in the towns, villages and hamlets of the general Oxted area. The month drew to a close on a happy social note. Already many of the 'other ranks' of the Regiment had married English or Scottish girls but now the first of our bachelor officers changed his status. On October 26th Lieut. P. S. Cooper and Miss D. M. Hodge were wed at St. Peter's Church, Limpsfield, at a ceremony attended by 32 officers of the Regiment. It was typical of the uncertainties of this time that after a bang up wedding reception at the Hodge home it was wrecked next day by a German bomb—fortunately without any casualties to its occupants. "Stu" Cooper who had joined us from the 19th Alberta Dragoons at mobilization had very capably filled the key posts of Signals Officer and later Asst. Adjutant and in October he became the Unit Adjutant.

In this period our Bren gunners saw active service; they were sent off in groups of eight to do about 10 days service on North Sea trawlers operating between the Port of London and Harwich. German sneak raiders had taken to machine-gunning these fishing craft—hence the precaution. Also, in August of 1940 there was commenced a more peaceful special duty which our men took up with enthusiasm. The scheme was known as Canadian Harvest Agricultural leave and by the scheme many a hard pressed English farmer got the strong and skilled help of Canadian farm lads as he gathered in his crop that was so sorely needed by food-short Britain.

While the bombs rained down on the Oxted area a few found their mark. The Phillips Glass Company factory was bombed and a lot of men and women were put out of work. Our unit pioneer platoon was detailed to build an outside bakery and did such a fine job of it that soon the unit was turning out 800 to 900 loaves of bread daily to help feed the bombed out workers and their families. In such ways as these the Canadians made themselves more than useful to our English brethren.

In mid-November of 1940 the unit was switched, as part of a Brigade move, from billets in and around Oxted, Surrey, to billets on the South coast of Britain stretching from Brighton to Shoreham-by-sea. With this move the Edmontonians left the mobile counter-attack role for three weeks to man a part of the sea-wall of England. Brens were placed on anti-aircraft mountings for defence against 'sneak' raids by low flying enemy fighters or fighter-bombers. The carrier platoon was given a patrol and counter-attack role on the high, big and bare hills just behind the towns on what the English term 'the South Downs'. This move to the Coast was a welcome change from the familiar routine of the spring and summer and brought the Regiment near a lively city with a reputation as a resort spot, though the barbed wire and mines on the sea front were an immediate reminder that Brighton could at any moment become anything but a health resort should the Germans cross the narrow sea to invade Britain.

At the end of November the Regiment had word that H. T. Wevill, T. P. H. Darlington and F. H. Pardee—former

NCO's of the unit who had taken training as Commissioned Officers were now Lieutenants and available as unit reinforcements. These chaps were among the first of a steady stream of men from our unit who were trained and qualified as Officers during the waiting war that had now begun and most were able to come back to serve with our Regiment.

On December 5th we returned to billets in the Oxted area which had been kept in shape by a rear party under Lieut. "Cy" Irwin.

Christmas Day in Oxted was crisp and cool with a very light snowfall. Most of the Regiment were in the unit area and this first Christmas on British soil was passed rather quietly. Lots of mince pie, plum pudding, fruit cake and salted nuts were issued. Of course, the nuts made all ranks thirsty so (in the line of duty) quantities of beer and other beverages were consumed. The CO, Lt. Col. E. B. Wilson, who was now back from an extended School of Instruction, visited all companies at their Christmas noontime dinner while the excellent unit band led by Sgt. Stan Shedden made the rounds too and played traditional Christmas airs.

#### 1941

The period in 1941, ending May 31st, was one of continuous and effective training. Deployment and control of the battalion and intercommunication were improved by the arrival on strength of No. 18 Wireless sets.

By night the German Bombers, often carrying large incendiary loads, were overhead proceeding toward London and the angry sputter of the machine guns of British night fighter interceptors were frequently heard.

Marching was extensive and tactical exercises of all sorts involving operations such as night bridging exercises

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and M.T. moves in the semi-darkness were prominent. Officers were drilled constantly in appreciations, verbal orders, recce duties and the like. All ranks kept up range practices and threw H.E. Grenades—the same reliable Mills bomb that the 49th had used.

To sum up—though the bn. was in billets it spent little time in the billets and was constantly packing up and moving out—sometimes on foot and sometimes on trucks—practicing a counter-attack role with the Div. should the enemy invade the South or South East Coast of Britain.

Regimental training time in the month of June was divided between energetic training exercise and intensive parade square drill at the Guards Depot at Catherham for an impending presentation of a King's and a Regimental Color, the presentation to be made by a "very distinguished personage". This training was enlivened for the men of the Regt. by the spectacle of the Guards R.S.M. Yardley putting the Commissioned Officers through stiff hours of ceremonial foot drill while the "other ranks" gloated from the side lines. Just about this time the C.O.'s driver very nearly ended in the 'glass house' at Aldershot. Lt. Col. E. B. Wilson had driven to the Guards Depot at Catherham to see the Depot Commander and had told his driver Wade to wait outside. No vehicles, it transpired, were allowed to park in front of the Depot gates. In due course the R.S.M. of the Guards Depot—resplendent in traditional uniform and with the dignity and pride of office that only an R.S.M. can muster—came striding over to tell the offending Canadian driver to pull off to another location. Said driver Wade to this formidable figure "I'm not taking orders from any G— D— Bandsman—my C.O. told me to wait here". When Lt. Col. Wilson came out of his meeting Wade was cooling his heels in close arrest—but somehow the C.O. got him off the hook and back to duty!

Dominion Day—July 1st, 1941, was a sports meet day for most units of the 1st Canadian Division. For the Edmon-

tons and the Carleton and York Regiment from New Brunswick it was a memorable day and the climax of much parade square training. These units proceeded by veh to the Guards Depot, Catherham and formed up in 4 companies each of 100 men. The two Regiments formed a hollow square. Our Regimental Band, with 5 bandsmen of the Carleton and York Regt. played for the ceremony.

His Majesty the King wore the uniform of full Colonel of the Grenadier Guards. Rev. H./Lt. Col. M. C. O'Neill, M.C., consecrated our Regiment's colours. Among guests attending were Col. J. B. Wells, late of "The Loyals"; Capt. T. H. Ball, formerly Chaplain of the 49th Bn. C.E.F.; Viscount R. B. Bennett of Calgary, former Premier of Canada; Rt. Hon. Ian MacKenzie.

His Majesty inspected both Bns. and spoke to all ranks of his pleasure at being with "His Canadian Troops"—On Dominion Day. He referred to the high traditions of service and accomplishment perpetuated by the two Battalions.

Lt. Col. E. B. Wilson saw to it that a suitable booklet was printed in Aldershot during July recording and commemorating this Presentation of Colors.

Incidentally, this massing of troops and the presence with them of our Sovereign was evidence of the growing mastery of the air over Britain now achieved by the R.A.F. who had so lately turned back the Luftwaffe from the daylight skies of Britain. Also, it was now a common occurrence to see bomber and fighter aircraft in very respectable numbers stream off East, we supposed to attack targets in occupied France.

The first highlights of August training was Exercise 'Heather'. This involved a rail move in battle order to Glasgow where 2,200 all ranks of the Regiment and PPCLI personnel and support troops squeezed aboard the Empress of Canada and proceeded along the coast to Inverary where the Force practiced quick off-loading into ships, boats and into power boats. Landing drills and beach organization were taught. After a few days of this new type training all ranks returned to the Oxted area.

The second high spot of the month was the triumph of Our Regimental Tug-of-Way Team in the Canadian Army Championship. Already champions of the 1st Cdn. Division, our unit team beat the 2nd Cdn. Div. champions, in two straight pulls for the Army championship. On this winning team coached by Lieut. T. F. Huntington were CSM E. Wade; Pte. G. A. (Tiny) English; Pte. Frank Pasula; Pte. R. J. Dunn; Pte. N. H. Webb; Pte. J. W. Venne; Pte. R. E. Brown; spares were L./Cpl. O. Peters, Pte. G. C. Gates and Pte. D. L. Blackhall.

The highlight of September, 1941, was the return of D Coy and a Platoon of C Coy with some personnel of Support Coy under Maj. A. S. Donald from the composite force which had sailed on the Empress of Canada to assault Spitzbergen. The landing had not been opposed but the island was occupied and neutralized as a possible German base. So Exercise Heather had proved to be not really an exercise but a preparation for action and it had given to some of the men of the Regiment a taste of service more active than had been our lot thus far.

In the Divisional rifle meet of September the Regiments team led the Division by a wide margin and the individual championship went to Pte. G. A. (Tiny) English followed by S./Sgt. S. Burry.

October 1941 was exceptionally busy. There were several tactical exercises and attack was stressed with deployment drills working well. The 'drills' that make for efficient and quick infantry action were being thoroughly tested with good umpire control of exercises.

A popular new form of company-level training was now introduced in the unit. It was 'unarmed combat' with Sgt. Jack McCulloch the Provost Sgt. as Chief Instructor.

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# Woodward's

By November the weather was wet and chilly, but Brig. A. E. Potts and Maj. Gen. Pearkes each carried out inspections of the unit and the Brigade respectively with the Edmontons getting excellent reports. As was always the case when ceremonial parades were called our excellent Regimental Brass Band distinguished itself.

On 24th November the Regt. moved in unit transport to the South Downs in the tactical role of defence force for Shoreham Harbour. The companies were disposed on the Downs in rear of the harbour to repel airborne landings and as immediate counter attack force if enemy landings are attempted on this part of the South Coast of Britain.

As part of the operational force in South Eastern Command the 1st Can. Division was now under Command of a British officer of whom much was to be heard as time went on—General Montgomery.

Another highlight of December was the commencement within the Regt. of Battle Drill training. This strenuous training—a real test of fitness—was controlled by Major Archie Donald and Maj. J. C. (Jim) Jefferson.

This second Christmas in England was snowless. The company mess halls were decorated and roast turkey, plum pudding and sweets were served to the men of the unit by the officers and N.C.O.'s. The next day found all ranks back on the regular schedule.

January was featured by a lot of hard work as the digging of trenches and weapon pits on the chalky and flinty hills behind Shoreham, Portslade and Howe was far from an easy task. All spoil had to be carried away as the platoon positions were being built with great attention to concealment and camouflage. Wiring in of positions added to the problems of building our mutually supporting positions in this area.

By now vehicle moves were kept to a minimum to conserve petrol and tire rubber. The German U Boat war in the Atlantic was intense and we were feeling its effect through these regulations.

In cold weather with occasional snow training continued through February and March. Tanks assisted in our practice counter attacks on 'enemy' forces and also provided the I.O. Lt. Harper Prowse with practice in tank hunting tactics which he had strenuously taught to all platoons of the Regiment.

The Regiment continued training in the Shoreham area and exercises took the form of counter attacks on mythical German paratroops. By now the deployment of the battalion was smooth and when communications were perfect the team machine ran with an efficiency that was compensation for the long long months of preparation for war. Training on exercises now included throwing bakelite grenades, from which several personnel received injuries, but this training—including live overhead firing and other forms of battle-inoculation—was just what exercise-weary soldiers needed to put a sting and a dash and realism into training.

Across the river Adur from Bn. H.Q. at Shoreham was a visible reminder that other Canadians had been here in the 1914-1918 war. There were rings of stones from the Canadian convalescent camp tent lines of 1918.

In mid-April Major George Beaton who had been so long the 2 i/c of the unit left for duties with the Cdn. Postal Corps at CMHQ in London. 'George' had commanded the Regiment for extensive periods while the C.O. was absent on courses, etc. His knowledge of men, his wealth of Army experience and his unfailing good nature had earned him the affections of all in the Regiment. But like our first overseas CO—W. G. (Bill) Stillman—we knew we would see him often at the Unit where in spirit both men still paraded with the Edmonton Regiment. Major J. C. (Jim) Jefferson took over as 2 i/c of the Regiment.

An interesting incident from the April 1942 War Diary was a challenge route march between A Coy of the Edmonton Regt. and a company from The Royal Winnipeg Rifles of the 3rd Cdn. Inf. Div. These brash Winnipeggers dared assert their rifle Regt. pace was better than an Infantry regiments pace. They marched a Company the 17 miles to our billets in 4 hours and 35 minutes with 10 minute halts every hour. A Coy of the Edmontons marched to their billets in 4 hours and 30 minutes. It was a round trip contest with the losers to foot the bill for a company smoker. On the return trip A Coy of our Regiment made it in 4 hours 34 minutes—losing only three men through blistered feet and 'charley horses'. The Royal Winnipeg Rifle company took 5 hours for their return march and lost 8 men doing it. The War Diarist at that time—Lieut. Terry Pierce Goulding—then notes "Good old 'A' Coy was heartily cheered as they streaked into Bn. HQ. having maintained the Edmonton Regiment and 1st Div. honours in no small fashion".

By May the transport Platoon of the Regiment received the first of a type of little car that was to be a great boon and a literal life saver in the years ahead—the vehicle was a Jeep.

By now the Adjutant of 1941—Capt. P. S. Cooper had moved up to Staff Capt. 2 Cdn. Inf. Bde. His successor as Signals Officer Fred K. Reesor now was Adjutant. A healthy indication that the Regiment was not standing still were the numbers of former unit NCO's and WO's by now returning to the Regiment to serve as Officers, with other NCO's being accepted regularly for OCTU training.

Late May found the Regiment in common with the rest of 1 Cdn. Inf. Div. embarked upon the toughest most grueling marching exercise of the Cdn. World War II. It was exercise 'Tiger' and it was named aptly. It was a little son

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# Our Sister Battalion . . .

The "Shiny 7th Brigade" of the 3rd Canadian Division in War I comprised the Royal Canadian Regiment, the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, the 42nd Battalion Royal Highlanders of Canada and the 49th Battalion Edmonton Regiment. In recent issues of this magazine information regarding the Princess Pats and the Forty-Twas has been published and we are pleased to include in this issue some news of the Royal Canadian Regiment which was the permanent force battalion of the Brigade.

Under the original name "Infantry School Corps" the Regiment was organized in December 1883 and first saw service in the North West Rebellion, Fish Creek, Cut Knife Hill and Batoche; battle honors awarded for the campaign being "Saskatchewan" and "North West Canada 1885".

The Yukon Field Force was sent to the Yukon by way of Vancouver, Fort Wrangel Alaska, Telegraph Creek and over the Teslin Trail to Fort Selkirk. The force was withdrawn in June 1900.

The South African War began in October 1899. The Canadian Government's offer to the British Government of the services of 1,000 infantrymen was accepted. Eight independent infantry companies were recruited, were up to strength within a few days and were brought together under the name of "Second Special Service Battalion", the Royal Canadian Regiment. Under Lt. Col. W. D. Otter it embarked for South Africa and arrived in Capetown in November 1899. Engagements were fought at Sunnyside Kopjes, Paardeberg, Poplar Grove, Driefontien, Israel's Poort, Thaba Mountains, Zand River and Doorn Kop. Of these Paardeberg was the most notable, as a superior Boer force under General Cronje was soundly defeated and Cronje actually surrendered to the R.C.R.

The date of Cronje's surrender at Paardeberg, 27 Feb. 1900, Paardeberg Day, is the annual holiday of the regiment which coincides with "Majuba Day" which had been celebrated by the Boers as their national holiday, commemorating the defeat of a British force at Majuba Hill by Paul Kruger who had become President of the Boer Republic.

Enlistment in this second Special Service Battalion had been for a period of one year; therefore, on 1 Oct. 1900 approximately 450 of all ranks left for Canada. A few days later the remainder of the Regiment sailed to England and were feted by all, and the Regiment was inspected by Queen Victoria. Battle honors awarded were "Paardeberg" and "South Africa 1899-1900."

From 1900 to 1914 the Regiment carried out various duties including the garrisoning of Halifax and the provision of a large number of instructors at Royal and other schools of infantry.

In 1914 war broke out in Europe. First came the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria and his consort by a Serbian fanatic in Sarajevo. It was expected that Austria would demand the punishment of the assassin, but demands went so far beyond this that Serbia would have lost its independence if it had acceded. Russia mobilized its armies as protector of Serbia; Germany interpreted this as a threat to her ally Austria and demanded cancellation of Russian mobilization. Russia refused to demobilize, and a state of war existed. France as an ally of Russia became immediately involved; the Germans decided to march through Belgium; Britain along with France and Germany had guaranteed the neutrality of Belgium.

The R.C.R. was concentrated and recruited up to War Establishment. Its first duty was to relieve the British Garrison at Bermuda and it sailed on 11 Sep. 14. The R.C.R. were relieved at Bermuda on 12 Aug. 15 by the 38th Bn. C.E.F.

(now the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa), and were despatched overseas to Europe on 26 Aug. 15, and commenced final training at Shorncliffe.

The 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade was constituted to include the R.C.R. Princess Pats, 42nd and the 49th. The most important engagements were:

Ypres Salient	Hill 70
Menin Road	Passchendaele
Mount Sorrel	Amiens
Somme 1916	Arras 1918
FlersCourcellette	Cambrai
Ancre Heights	Scarpe
Regina Trench	Hindenberg Line
Arras 1917	Canal du Nord
Vimy Ridge	Pursuit to Mons

During the famous "100 days" Lt. M. F. Gregg, M.C. and Bar was awarded the Victoria Cross for conspicuous bravery, initiative and leadership. This same officer is now the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, known as Brigadier, the Hon. Milton F. Gregg VC CBE MC MP Minister of Labour.

Total casualties suffered by the Regiment in War I—approximately 800 killed and 3,000 wounded.

## 1919-1939

The Regiment performed garrison duties in Halifax and provided instructors for militia units and moved to various stations. At the outbreak of War II R.C.R. stations were: Regimental Headquarters and C Coy at London, A Coy at Halifax, B Coy at Toronto and D Coy at St. Jean, P.Q. In 1925 the Regiment was affiliated with the Gloucestershire Regiment famous for having more battle honors than any other regiment in the British Army. Their nickname is "Fore and Afts". The last-mentioned distinction is because of two cap badges, one in front and one in the back to commemorate their stand in the Sikh War of 1881 when they fought off all attacks although the Regiment was completely surrounded. The Gloucesters are also famous for gallant stand at the Injim River in Korea.

In 1927 the R.C.R. provided a Guard of Honor for the unveiling of the Cross of Sacrifice in Washington, D.C. The guards turned out in complete Review Order, scarlet jackets, blue trousers, white helmets. President Coolidge remarked that this was the first time that the "Red Coats" had been in Washington since the British burnt down the White House in 1814.

## World War II

In the fall of 1938 Adolph Hitler demanded and obtained the cession of the Sudetenland from Czechoslovakia and later seized the whole of that nation. In August 1939 he made territorial demands of Poland; these were refused and Hitler invaded Poland. Britain and France declared war on Germany on 3 Sept. The R.C.R. immediately recruited up to strength and sailed for Europe, arriving in Gourock, Scotland on 30 Dec. 39, less than three months after the declara-

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tion of war. After the evacuation of Dunkirk the Regiment was sent to France, but capitulation of France resulted in the Regiment returning to England without seeing action. The Regiment engaged in intensive training and the garrisoning of coastal stations until 13 June 43 when it embarked for an unknown destination. Landing was made at Pachino in Sicily and battles were fought at Valgaurnera, Assoro, Nissoria and Regalbuto. Then came the invasion of the Italian mainland at Reggio di Calabria. Other engagements included Motta, San Marco, Hill 400, Campobasso, Busso, Orantino, Costropignano. After a rest period the Regiment took part in the attack on Ortona followed by continuous action at Moro River, Ortona Crossroads and the Battle for the Gullies, Gustav and Hitler Lines, Liri Valley, Pontecorvo. Then came the break-through of the Gothic Line, Metauro River, Salaria, Monte Giano, Abbissinia, Riccione, San Lorenzo in Strada, Rimini, Cesana, Po Valley, Lamone River, Vessio and Naviglio Canals, Bagnacavallo, and Senio River. After 20 months of almost continuous action the R.C.R. left the British 8th Army from the Port of Leghorn to Marseilles and north through France and Belgium to become part of the Canadian 1st Army. The R.C.R. were back in action in the fight for the City of Apeldoorn in Holland, which was the last action in War II.

Casualties were approximately 370 killed and 1,400 wounded.

Since War II the Regiment has been re-organized into three battalions which have alternated in service in Korea, in Germany, and training in instructional duties in Canada. In the re-organization of the Canadian Militia the London and Oxford Fusiliers now form the 3rd Battalion R.C.R. in the same way in which the Loyal Edmonton Regiment forms the 3rd Battalion of the P.P.C.L.I.

Recent issues of the Connecting File which is the official publication of the R.C.R. contain obituaries of the following, some of whom may be remembered by Forty-Niners from War I:

ROGERS, Major T. B., died 26 May 53. He had served as Lieutenant with the R.C.R. in War I.

SULLIVAN, Bertram Joseph, MM—died on 13 Jul. 53. He also served with the R.C.R. in War I.

### PRINCESS PATS'

The annual reunion and banquet of the Edmonton members of the Princess Pats' was held in the Macdonald Hotel. Main speaker was Lt. Col. R. A. Bradburn, commanding the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (3rd Bn. PPCLI). Messages were received as usual from Jenny Morris, the "London Mother", Col. G. (Shorty) Colquhoun, and many others. George Mackintosh was elected President, Clyde Smith and Phil Galbraith vice-presidents, Dean Sparling as Chaplain, and as executive Percy Johnson, Norman Campbell, William Raison, Louis Gower, Sam Campbell, Vic Horner, Horace Jones, Alf Peart, Don Gower, M. S. Yost, Hugh McGowan, Harry Guthrie and S. W. Smith.

### GREY CUP QUEEN

An incident of the Grey Cup football game and all its attendant excitement in Vancouver was the selection of Barbara Beddome of Edmonton, who had been selected for beauty, charm and personality as "Miss Edmonton Eskimo" as Miss Grey Cup. Her success in this contest is one in which we may all take pride, because her mother's father was Lieut. Murray, of the 49th (killed on active service).

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**VANCOUVER BRANCH**

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Members of the Association will remember the kindness of J. W. H. Williams in presenting a complete set of the magazine, all of which were bound by the Edmonton Public Library and are kept available there.

**HISTORY OF LOYAL EDMONTON REGIMENT**

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of a female tiger of an exercise. The war diary records 35 miles marched in one day on paved roads.

There were spirited clashes with 'enemy' infantry and armour to enliven exercise Tiger. In all on this exercise (taking place in unusually hot weather for England) the Bn. marched 160 miles. General Montgomery, the Commander of South Eastern Command was now frequently mentioned in conversation by all ranks—and the terms used were more colorful than polite.

Back in the comfortable Shoreham billets the Bn. again picked up a type of training that is congenial and useful, namely training the Home Guard of Sussex in modern weapons and tactics. This help, much of it given voluntarily and in the evenings, was a great assistance to the Home Guard and it was a pleasure to work with these keen old soldiers.

It was commonplace to find a first war Lt. Colonel with a DSO and Bar acting as Platoon Sgt. of a Home Guard Company. Their spirit had to be seen to be believed and we felt certain that if invasion came these 'dugouts' would give a mighty good account of themselves in battle.

October, 1916—after Regina Trench—hospital train finding its way into Germany, several 49ers, wounded and P.O.W. on board, all curious to know where they were, windows all blacked out except one through which one of our Sergeants could see a little. Each time the train ran back, forward, back again, everybody asked, "What station now?" and each time our Sergeant announced the same thing, "FRAWN". When the rest grew doubtful and thought the train should have gone through some place with a more familiar name the Sergeant was asked to spell the name on the station. He complied with "F-R-A-U-E-N!" (Women)

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